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SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON RHODESIA.

1. USUN SEPARATELY IS REPORTING ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS JANUARY 24 IN WHICH NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR HARRIMAN ANNOUNCED THAT HE WILL TABLE A RESOLUTION ON RHODESIA AND PRESS IT TO A VOTE ON JANUARY 31. NIGERIAN DECISION APPARENTLY FOLLOWED A HEATED DEBATE BETWEEN IVOR RICHARD AND AMBASSADOR HARRIMAN IN WHICH RICHARD CONFORMED TO FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN'S INSTRUCTIONS THAT THE BRITISH COULD NOT COMPLY WITH HARRIMAN'S REQUEST THAT THE U.S. AND UK COME UP WITH A JOINT DECLARATION ON RHODESIA FOR THE COUNCIL.

2. IT IS USUN'S JUDGMENT, AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, THAT THERE IS STILL TIME TO CONVINCE HARRIMAN NOT REPEAT NOT TO
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PRESS FORWARD WITH HIS INITIATIVE FOR A RESOLUTION; IN EXCHANGE, HOWEVER, WE WILL HAVE TO COME UP WITH A US/UK STATEMENT ON THE NEGOTIATIONS.

3. DRAWING UPON FOREGOING, AND USUN'S REPORTING MESSAGE, YOU SHOULD URGENTLY CONVEY THE FOLLOWING VIEWS TO FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN (WE ASSUME THAT IVOR RICHARD WILL BE

REPORTING FULLY TO OWEN AND MAY BE PROVIDING WHAT FOLLOWS
AS HIS UNDERSTANDING OF THE TENTATIVE U.S. REACTION);

-- WE AGREE FULLY THAT OUR PRIMARY OBJECTIVE IN THE
SECURITY COUNCIL IN THE NEXT TEN DAYS SHOULD BE TO AVOID
ANY ACTION WHICH COULD COMPROMISE THE MALTA DISCUSSIONS
AND OUR JOINT EFFORTS IN RHODESIA.

-- FOR REASONS WHICH MAY NEVER BE FULLY AVAILABLE TO US,
THE NIGERIANS HAVE DECIDED TO PRESS AHEAD WITH THE IDEA
OF A RESOLUTION. WHILE NO TEXT IS AS YET AVAILABLE, WE
SUSPECT THAT ANY RESOLUTION IN THE COUNCIL WOULD BE
DAMAGING WHETHER IT IS ADOPTED OR DEFEATED.

-- ASIDE FROM THE PROBLEMS THIS WOULD POSE FOR OUR EFFORTS
IN RHODESIA, A CONFRONTATION WITH NIGERIA COULD WELL WIN
US HARRIMAN'S HOSTILITY WHICH WILL MAKE OUR WORK IN THE
COUNCIL DIFFICULT IN THE MONTHS AHEAD.

-- WE CONSEQUENTLY CONCLUDE THAT THE BEST COURSE WILL BE
TO DEVELOP A US/UK STATEMENT, FOR DELIVERY ON JANUARY 31,
ON OUR OBJECTIVES IN RHODESIA AND THE PRINCIPLES WHICH
MOTIVATE US. WE BELIEVE IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO DEVELOP A
STATEMENT WHICH WILL BOTH SATISFY THE AFRICANS AND BE
CONSISTENT WITH OUR RHODESIAN STRATEGY. IN ANY EVENT, WE
ARE CONVINCED IT IS WORTH THE EFFORT AND WE WILL BE PRE-
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PARING AN INITIAL DRAFT TO SHOW TO UKUN SHORTLY.

4. YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THERE MAY HAVE BEEN A FAILURE
OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE UK AND NIGERIA. OWEN, IN
INSTRUCTING RICHARD TO STONEWALL, APPARENTLY THOUGHT HE
HAD GARBA'S CONCURRENCE THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL SHOULD
TAKE NO ACTION ON RHODESIA. HARRIMAN SPOKE SUBSEQUENTLY
TO GARBA IN NEW YORK AND FELT GARBA GAVE NO SUCH COMMIT-
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